



PHILS PAGE



OUR welcome victory over Reading on Tuesday and Preston's win at Huddersfield on the same night means this afternoon's game is set up nicely for another in this season's interesting series of derby games.

I'm sure Preston will have been lifted by their mid-week result—we certainly were by ours. It gave everyone a lift. It was an important game to win after that horrific run of five games when we hadn't managed to score and it's just as important for us to keep the ball rolling today.

The debate about who should be credited with our second goal the other night will obviously go on for some time. I purposely haven't got involved preferring to stand well back and let the lads sort it out for themselves. In fact it was a welcome change to have a goal to argue about.

I'd like to make a special mention of Steve Thompson and Phil Brown, who were selected in the PFA representative team for the Third Division. I'm sure they will be the first to admit that the rest of the lads should share the respective honours and I'd like to think the staff and myself have been responsible to a certain degree—as have the fans.

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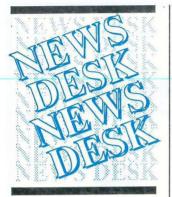






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PROGRAMME FAIR

Sunday 15th April, 1990.

Seasiders Cabaret Club Bloomfield Road Blackpool

RE-ARRANGED RESERVE GAME

Monday 9th April 1990 Wanderers v

West Brom

Pontins League Division 2

Kick-Off 7 p.m.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE - DIVISION 3

Avg	e. Home At	tts. 1989-90	Top Scorers (Leigh & Cup)
	League	Cup	
Birmingham	7,990	8502	Bailey 18, Sturridge 11, Gleghorn 11
Blackpool	4027	5362	Garner 11, Eyres 8
Bolton W.	6947	7468	Philliskirk 19, Reeves 13
Brentford	5778	4237	Hooldsworth 23, May 11, Blissett
Bristol C.	10436	11567	Taylor 31, Turner 8
Bristol R.	5785	4957	Mehew 17, White 9
Bury	3162	2990	Robinson 17, Hoyland 11
Cardiff C.	3459	5288	Pike 16, Griffith 6, Barnard 6
Chester C.	2330	2394	Newhouse 7, Abel 6
Crewe A.	3883	4335	Sussex 12, Hignett 6, Fishenden 6, Gardiner 6
Fulham	4256	3628	Walker 15, Scott 6, Skinner 6
Huddersfield T.	5884	7215	Maskell 16, Smith 9
Leyton Orient	4236	4132	Cooper 11, Castle 9
Mansfield T.	3238	2959	Wilkinson 16, Christie 13
Northampton T.	3336	5843	Barnes 15, Collins 10
Notts Co.	5931	4920	Johnson 11, Lund 8
Preston N.E.	6219	5483	Shaw 12, Joyce 10
Reading	4348	6543	Williamson 22, Mendonca 13
Shrewsbury T.	3496	2545	McGinlay 19, Moyes 7
Swansea C.	4317	6548	Melville 9, Raynor 8
Tranmere R.	7210	8660	Muir 27, Malkin 21
Walsall	4160	3347	Rimmer 18, Bertschin 10
Wigan A.	2696	5351	Hilditch 9, Daley 8
(Upto and includ	ing 4.4.90.)		
[Cup games inclu	de FA Cup	Littlewoods	Cup and Leyland DAF Cup]

THE P.F.A. DIVISIONAL TEAMS

DIVISION 1

Southall (Everton); Dixon (Arsenal), Walker (Nott. Forest), Hansen (Liverpool), Pearce (Nott. Forest), Platt (Aston Villa), Hodge (Nott. Forest), McMahon (Liverpool), Barnes (Liverpool), Beardsley (Liverpool), Lineker (Tottenham).

DIVISION 2

Cotton (Watford); Irwin (Oldham), Fairclough (Leeds), Barrett (Oldham), Dicks (West Ham), Strachan (Leeds), McAllister (Leicester), Sellars (Blackburn), Ritchie (Oldham), Quinn (Newcastle), Bull (Wolves).

DIVISION 3

Nixon (Tranmere); Brown (Bolton), Newman (Bristol City), Yates (Notts County), P.R. Edwards (Crewe), Harvey (Tranmere), Goodwin (Rotherham), Thompson (Bolton), Williamson (Rotherham), Muir (Tranmere), Lee (Bury).

DIVISION 4

Marples (York); Hiley (Exeter), Taylor (Exeter), Fitzpatrick (Carlisle), McKinnon (Hartlepool), Halsall (Peterborough), Spooner (York), Bailey (Exeter), Rowbotham (Exeter), Crown (Southend), Neville (Exeter).





TONY PHILLISKIRK

Ended the Wanderers' 503 minute goal drought in the game against Reading on Tuesday night.



BARCLAYS LEAGUE ATTENDANCE UPDATE

According to Jack Rollin's 'Round-Up' in The Sunday Telegraph, the breakdown for Barclays League attendances during the first thirty two weeks of the season is shown below:-

		Aggregate	matches	Average	
Div. 1	1988/89	6,122,666	296	20,685	
	1989/90	6,311,184	304	20,760	+ 0.3%
Div. 2	1988/89	4,681,300	436	10,737	
	1989/90	5,393,720	437	12,343	+ 15.0%
Div. 3	1988/89	2,333,622	424	5,504	
	1989/90	2,133,824	429	4,974	- 9.6%
Div. 4	1988/89	1,384,477	434	3,190	0.070
	1989/90	1,447,576	434	3,335	+ 4.5%
Total	1988/89	14,522,065	1,590	9,133	
	1989/90	15,286,304	1,604	9,530	

MONTHLY TRANSFER DETAILS

Details of the transfers concluded during March, 1990, before the transfer deadline.

NB It is not possible to include details of the transfer fees paid as League Regulations dictate that these are private and confidential.

Ian Benjamin (Exeter C. to Southend Utd. Sean Dyche (Nottingham F. to Chesterfield) Wayne Fairdough (Notts. County to Mansfield T.) Gary Hackett (Stoke City to W.B.A.) Dean Horrix (Millwall to Bristol C) Craig Shakespeare (Sheffield Wed. to W.B.A.) Phil Whitehead (Halifax T. to Barnsley) Andy Saville (Walsall to Barnsley) Brian McCord (Derby County to Barnsley) Jimmy Gannon (Sheff, Utd. to Stockport County) Darren Foreman (Barnsley to Crewe Alexandra) David Ritchie (Stoke C. to Stockport C.) Darren Hope (Stoke C. to Stockport County) Scott Green (Derby County to Bolton W.) Gary Bannister (Coventry C. to W.B.A.) Kevin Bartlett (W.B.A. to Notts. County) Nicky Johns (Q.P.R. to Maidstone Utd.) Jim Philips (Oxford Utd. to Middlesbrough) Martin Russell (Scarborough to Middlesbrough) Tony Cascarino (Millwall to Aston Villa) Paul Edwards (Crewe Alex. to Coventry C.) Mark Fiore (Wimbledon to Plymouth Arg.) Dean Spink (Aston Villa to Shrewsbury T.) Malcolm Allen (Norwich C. to Millwall) David Harle (Peterborough Utd. to Doncaster R.) Adam King (West Ham Utd. to Plymouth ARg.) Neil Woods (Ipswich T. to Bradford C.) Andrew Ansah (Brentford to Southend Utd.)

David Puttnam (Leicester C. to Lincoln C.) Niall Quinn (Arsenal to Manchester C.) Danis Salman (Millwall to Plymouth Arg.) Steve Terry (Hull C. to Northampton T.) Dean Thomas (Northampton T. to Notts County) Les Robinson (Doncaster R. to Oxford Utd.) David Kelly (West Ham Utd. to Leicester C.) Gary Stevens (Tottenham H. to Portsmouth) Paul Moulden (AFC Bournem'th to Oldham Ath.) David Thomas (Barnsley to Hull C.) Adrian Thorpe (Walsall to Northampton T.) Gary Fleming (Manchester C. to Barnsley) David McKellar (Carlisle Utd. to Kilmarnock) Dominic Iorfa (R. Antwerp to Q.P.R.) Rob Bloomer (Chesterfield to Bristol R.) Junior Bent (Huddersfield T. to Bristol C.) Brendan O'Connell (Burnley to Barnsley) Gary Thompson (Watford to Crystal P.) Tom Kelly (York C. to Exeter C.) Leigh Palin (Stoke C. to Hull C.) Nicky Morgan (Stoke C. to Bristol C.) Paul Barnes (Notts County to Stoke C.) Mark Smith (Dunfermline to Nottingham F.) Billy Askew (Hull C. to Newcastle Utd.) Paul Hunter (East Fife to Hull C.) Nicky Brookman (Bolton W. to Stockport County) Gary Bennett (Southend Utd. to Chester C.)



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PLAYER PROFILE

STEVE

Name: Steve Coffey Place/Date of Birth: Bolton/2.11.72.

Married: No Children: No Favourite Other

Team: Liverpool
Favourite Away
Ground: Port Vale
Best Player you have
seen in your position:

Stuart Pearce

Best Goal scored and

how: I'm still thinking!!

Best Goal seen:

Brownie's against Swindon.

Best Sporting Moment outside

Football:

Beating
Bentham at table tennis
The

Liveliest

Character you have met in football:

Steve Thompson

Details of your First Match:

A team v's

Your worst

ball field: Breaking my leg against Liverpool 'A'

The funniest incident vou have seen on a

football pitch: Gazza head-butting a referee

Your best pal in foot-

ball: Simon Sharrocks, Neil Hart, Dean Edge

and all the boys.

The best and worst dressers among your

team mates:

Neil Hart/Steven Birks

Do you have any

hobbies: Listening to

The Stone Roses.

With which sports star would you like to

change places for a day?: John McEnroe

Your favourite news-

paper: Mirror

Your favourite holiday spot:

Holland (Amsterdam)

Biggest risk taken in

your life: Going out with the YTS lads.

Happiest moment outside football:

Leaving school.







PRESTON NORTH END



This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Preston North End. With both clubs needing points for different, but equally pressing, reasons one of Burnden's larges crowds of the seasonshould hopefully witness an exciting game between two of the Football League's founder members. After gaining a place in the play-offs last season, Preston have endured a disappointing campaign and with only seven games left after today's need a good run of results to prevent a return to the Fourth Division. One of the biggest reasons for their lowly position is a leaky defence which has so far conceded 69 League goals. Only Fourth Division Hartlepool have conceded more goals in the League this sea-

Despite having so many talented players on the books, a lack of consistency and the failure to build on last season's fine form eventually led to John McGrath leaving Deepdale. Acting manager Les Chapman faces a stern test in the closing weeks to cure North End's erratic form.

Away from home this season North End have won three times, 2-1 at Northampton in October, 2-1 at Bury in January and 2-0 at Huddersfield last Tuesday. Draws have been gained at Mansfield. Blackpool and Brentford but North End have suffered some heavy defeats, both home and away, including a nightmare 0-6 thrashing at Reading in February. They have conceded three goals or more on 13 occasions and kept only seven 'clean sheets' in 38 games. Last Tuesday at Huddersfield goals by lan Bogie and Warren Joyce earned North End's first win in six games. The Preston captain and former Wanderer, Joyce has now scored four goals in the last four games.

In cup competitions, North End made a first round exit in the Littlewoods Cup, 4-7 on aggregate to Tranmere, and a second round 0-2 defeat at NPL side Whitley Bay ended their FA Cup aspirations for another season. In the Leyland DAF Cup Wigan won a first round tie 2-1 at Deepdale.

PRESTON NORTH END LEAGUE APPEARANCES 1989-90 (Upto and including 24.3.90.) Alkins 19.1 Report 10, Recip 21.4

Atkins 19+1, Bennet 10, Bogie 21+4, Ellis 17, Flynn 16, Greenwood 4, Harper 23+6, Hughes 25+2, Jones 3, Joyce 34, Kelly 32, McIlroy 10, Miller 3, Mooney 34+1, Patterson 12+1, Rathbone 3+4, Scully 13, Shaw 23+5, Snow 1, Stowell 2, Swann 36, Thomas 6, Tunks 2, Williams 31, Wrightson 16. SCORERS—LEAGUE (52)

Harper 9, Mooney 8, Joyce 8, Shaw 6, Swann 6, Patterson 4, Ellis 3, Williams 2, Bogie 2, Atkins 1, Scully 1, Thomas 1, OG 1. CUP (13)

Shaw 6, Ellis 3, Joyce 2, Mooney 1, Hughes

FORM GUIDE (Last 10 League Games)

Reading	(a)	L	0-6
Cardiff C.	(h)	W	4-0
Fulham	(a)	L	1-3
Walsall	(h)	W	2-0
Blackpool	(a)	D	2-2
Northamp	(h)	D	0-0
Brentford	(a)	D	2-2
Crewe A.	(a)	L	0-1
Notts. Co.	(h)	L	2-4
Huddfield T.	(a)	W	2-0

21 year old goalkeeper Alan Kelly has twice fought back bravely from serious leg injuries to establish himself as one of the most promising custodians in the lower divisions. He has missed only four games this season and is now approaching a century of League appearances. Father Alan, an Eire International 'keeper holds the Preston club record of 447 League games while brother Gary is currently starring between the sticks for Bury. Ironically, the two brothers are in competition for a place in Eire's World Cup plans.

Neil Williams has been a regular in the number two shirt since joining Preston from Hull City in the summer of 1988. Formerly at Watford, where he failed to get in the League side, the 25 year old has proved an astute signing. Michael Bennett will be remembered by many of our supporters for his stylish full back displays at Burnden Park. The Bolton born 27 year old was surprisingly released after 65 League games for the club

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Season	Div.	Position	Cup	Cup	Apps	Scorer
1984-85	4	23rd	2	2	Twentyman 44	Kelly 7
1985-86	4	23rd	2	1	Brazil 43	Thomas 17
1986-87	4	2nd	2	4	Jones 46	Thomas 21
1987-88	3	16th	1	1	Swann 46	Brazil 14
1988-89	3	6th	2	1	Ellis 45	Ellis 19





and later played for Wolves and Cambridge before joining North End in September 1986. He has fought his way back into the League side after injury and has made 233 League appearances. Mike Flynn was a £125,000 signing from Norwich City before Christmas in an attempt to shore up a leaky defence. The 21 year old central defender joined the Canaries from his hometown club Oldham Athletic. He has been a regular since his arrival at Deepdale, Jeff Wrightson is a 21 year old former Newcastle defender whose move to North End gave him the opportunity of regular first team football. He made 38 appearances in North End's successful side last season but has figured in only half the games so far this campaign.

Brian Mooney is regarded as one of the most talented forwards in the Third Division and earlier this season was subject of intense transfer speculation. The Dublin born 24 year old joined Preston from Liverpool for £40,000 in 1987 and recently made his 100th League appearance for the club. Gary Swann has proved an astute £10,000 signing from Hull City, establishing himself as a regular in the Deepdale midfield. York born, Gary will be 28 next Tuesday and has now played in over 300 League games. Warren Joyce, as they say, certainly needs no introduction at Burnden Park The 25 year old midfielder, who is the current North End captain, made 184 League appearances for the Wanderers and joined Preston in a £35,000 move in October 1987. He is



Back Row (left to right): Bob Atkins, Gary Walker, Andy Gill, Alan Kelly, Roy Tunks, Chris Hollis, Adrian Hughes, Alex Jones.

Middle Row: Mark Patterson, Warren Joyce, Gary Swann, Martin James, Graham Shaw, Steve Harper, Mick Bennett, Steven Anderton, Paul Maloney.

Front Row: David Miller, Neil Williams, Brian Mooney, Tony Ellis, Simon Snow, Jeff Wrightson, Mick Rathbone, Andy McAteer.

only a couple of games short of his 100th North End League appearance. Steve Harper joined Preston for £35,000 from Port Vale last season. The 21 year old Stoke born winger has been a regular member of North End's squad this term and has proved a useful goalscorer, including a hat trick in the 4-0 home win over Cardiff in February.

John Thomas is another former Burnden favourite who will be out to impress his old supporters if he has recovered from a recentinjury. A regular goalscorer throughout his career. 32 year old John is in his second spell at Deepdale after a recent £50,000 move from West Brom. He scored 37 League goals for the Wanderers in 95 games, also in two spells, and has also played for Tranmere (loan) Halifax (loan). Chester and Lincoln after beginning his career at Everton. Nigel Greenwood returned to Deepdale from Bury earlier in the year. The 23 year old forward has made over 150 League appearances and will relish the opportunity to play for his hometown club again. Another astute signing from Giog. Lane was the evergreen Sammy McIlroy. Though clearly approaching the veteran stage, the highly respected 35 year old former N. Ireland international is still one of

the most gifted midfield players around and the vast experience gained in over 600 League appearances, most of them for Manchester United, will stand North End in good stead in the closing weeks of the season.

Graham Shaw was a summer singing from Stoke City and began his North End career with a flurry of early season goals including a Littlewoods Cup hat trick against Tranmere. The 22 year old Newcastle born striker made 99 League appearances for the Potters, the club he joined as an apprentice. Ian Bogie is 22 year old mid fielder who joined Preston in February 1989 as part of the deal which took North End striker Gary Brazil to Newcastle. Adrian Hughes is a 19 year old Billinge born defender who has been a regular in the side this season, while 27 year old Bob Atkins. a former Sheffield United defender, is nearing 200 League appearances for North End in five years with the club.



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ACTION FROM MID-WEEK

HIGHLIGHT of the week was undoubtedly BOLTON's return to a winning formula. Unfortunately at a time when Phil Neal's possible promotion candidates need all the vocal support they can muster from the terraces, only 4,679, Burnden's smallest League attendance of the season witnessed this sparkling 3-0 defeat of READING.

But the victory didn't come easy. Two chances fell in the way of 'Royals' striker David Leworthy in the first 10 minutes—both went begging. Bolton's barren goalscoring spell ended when Tony Philliskirk eased the pressure after putting Wanderers ahead from close range to end 485 minutes of blank shots. Only a dressing room confirmation would determine whether Robbie Savage, who had returned for his first full game since September, or

Philliskirk again be credited with the second strike three minutes into the second period. There can be no dispute over Steve Thompson's cleverly taken free kick which deceived both the wall and the keeper to complete the final scoreline.

In between Dave Felgate had to produce a super save from Steve Moran's close range header to keep Reading at bay and reach a total of 15 'blank sheet' games throughout the season.

League leaders BRISTOL CITY go marching on after a Johnson own goal and a second from leading marksman Bob Taylor had earned a 2-1 away victory at ROTHERHAM.

Today's visitors PRESTON proved too good for HUD-DERSFIELD at Leeds Road with a confidence boosting 2-0 scoreline, BRISTOL ROVERS leap frogged Tranmere to second spot after defeating WIGAN 2-1 at Springfield Park, Tranmere did however have something to celebrate away from the League scene after deposing of Doncaster in the Northern Final of the Leyland DAF trophy to reach Wembley and hopefully will bring back the trophy back north on the day.

TODAY's encounter against neighbours PRESTON promises to be a real 'local derby'. Former Wanderer Warren Joyce will be out to prove a point and he is enjoying a successful time at present after scoring two last weekend and putting North End

on the victory road in mid week. The Deepdale men also have the vast experience of veteran Sammy McIlrov who can turn a game in a stroke and latest signing John Thomas, returning north after a short spell with West Brom will add spice to the afternoon's entertainment. Preston are currently on the fringe of the relegation zone and a slip today would plunge them in deeper trouble. Both teams need the vital points but hopefully the chances created will come in the Wanderers way.

DOUBLE DUTCH!!

A court injunction lodge by Holland's national coach Thijs Libregts against the Dutch F.A. was this week rejected. Libregt—whose contract is due to expire on 1stJuly—was suspended last month after his players called for his resignation. Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff is favourite to succeed him.

Newcastle's Quinn/McGhee strike force have accumulated 55 goals this season—that's more goals than all but nine of the remaining Division 2 clubs and the Magpies are sill 10 points behind leaders Leeds and 6 adrift of second placed Sheffield United!!

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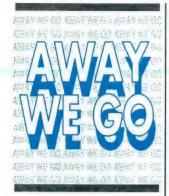


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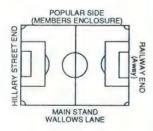
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TO WALSALL

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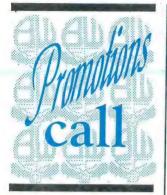


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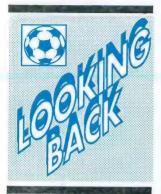
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games.
1920—Impressive away form continued as Bolton took their tally to five points from their third consecutive travelling encounter with a 6-3 win at Aston Villa. Frank Roberts hit a hat trick, one goal coming from the penalty spot, Joe Smith struck twice and Ted Vizard completed the half dozen.

1923—A number of players were rested in readiness for the FA Cup final but the reserves proved more than able as a 2-1 win was recorded at Middlesbrough. David Jack and John Smith scored the goals. 1945—Despite Blackpool fielding nine international players the Wanderers ran out

4-1 winners at Bloomfield Road in the first leg of a 2nd round League war cup tie. Nat Lofthouse was the hero with all four goals coming in the 20th, 54th, 57th and 88th minutes whilst the home sides goal came from the penalty spot.

1951—Willie Moir scored Bolton's goal to earn a point from a 1-1 draw with Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park.

1956—A 1-0 win over Preston at Deepdale ended a run of four games without a win for Bolton. Ralph Gibbins scored the decider.

1969—A run of four consecutive defeats in which 19 goals were conceded came to an end when a John Byrom goal proved enough to defeat Bristol City at Burnden Park.

1973—A Stuart Lee penalty saved the Wanderers from defeat at Burnden with lowly Watford forcing a 1-1 draw.
1979—The club's leading scorers Alan Golwing and Frank Worthington again on target as the Wanderers extended their unbeaten run to five games with a 2-1 win over Queens Park Rangers at Burnden.

1980—Neil Whatmore found the net for the fifth consecutive game but it didn't prevent Bolton going down 3-1 to Manchester United at Burnden.



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BELOW RIGHT: Tony Philliskirk's challenge at Chester.





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"You never know what lies around the corner"



This afternoon we welcome Lancashire neighbours Preston and in particular old boys John Thomas, Warren Joyce and Mick Bennett who will no doubt be looking to put one over on their former club. North End are currently fighting tooth and nail to escape the clutches of relegation which is in stark contrast to last season's near miss of promotion to the Second.

With five home games to go, three of these against promotion rivals Tranmere, Bristol City and Huddersfield every point is vital as positions tighten up in the top half of the table with certain teams making late runs to secure a play-off place. With Crewe establishing a new club record—thirteen games unbeaten-who would bet against them making a playoff spot and possibly promotion for a second successive season, but all that is at present pie in the sky as the doglight continues to the beginning of May.

Moving onto the P.F.A. awards last Sunday night in London and congratulations to skipper Phil Brown who once again was selected by his fellow professionals into the divisional team and the long overdue selection of midfield schemer Steve Thompson who once again has had a fine season for the Wanderers. Well done to the

lads concerned, it is certainly an honour to be proud of.

It was also a fairutale story for David Platt of Aston Villa who was voted Player of the Year by his fellow professionals. For David it must be a dream come true after being released by Manchester United as a youngster. He re-built his career under the guidance of Dario Gradi at Crewe becoming a prolific goalscorer before joining Aston Villa where the media focussing on his talented skills brought him deserved acclaim as well as a place in Bobby Robson's England side. It really is Roy of the Rovers stuff and so good for the game with the message never give up, you never know what lies around the corner.

Last weekend though was also a sad occasion with the passing away of BBC voice of sport Peter Jones, who was covering the prestigious Boat Race. No sport loving person would have missed the superb coverage on Saturday afternoons of Radio 2 and in particular Peter Jones who captivated listeners with his brilliant observations. It really is the passing of an era.

Enjoy the game today, hopefully with a win at the end of it with no doubt Tony Philliskirk hoping that he can have found the net against his former team mates.

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18	Port Vale	Α	1-1
25	Wolverhampton W.	Н	1-2
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22nd March, 1990. Barnsley Reserves . . . 4 Bolton Wanderers Reserves . . . 2

The Wanderers were just seven minutes from increasing their unbeaten run to eight games that has seen them climb away from the re-election zone in recent weeks.

Barnsley's signing from Burnley, Brendon O'Connell, proved to be the difference, the striker hitting a hat trick and also setting up the other although two of his efforts looked suspiciously offside.

Scott Green appeared for the first time in a Bolton shirt and had a more than satisfactory debut with a hand in both goals from a central midfield position where he partnered John Gregory.

The Wanderers took a deserved lead in the 27th minute when Barnsley 'keeper Phil Whitehead failed to hold a Nicky Spooner cross, Scott Green knocked the ball back into the path of Mike Jeffrey who headed in from close range.

Barnsley equalised a minute into first half injury time when O'Connell got free at the far post to slide the ball into an empty net and in the 54th minute Colin Marshall turned O'Connell's shot into the net to put the Yorkshiremen in front.

Bolton got back into the game late on with Dean Crombie having a close range shot cleared off the line in the 82nd minute. Seconds later the Wanderers equalised when Scott Green headed a Robbie Savage corner forward to Neil Fisher who turned swiftly to volley home.

Barnsley regained their lead inside a minute when O'Connell caught the Wanderers cold with a low shot. In injury time O'Connell struck their fourth goal sectords after he had had a near miss.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Spooner, Neal, Savage, Stubbs, Crombie, Fisher, Green, Jeffrey, Stevens, Gregory. Subs: Roberts for Spooner, Williams.

Barnsley: Whitehead, Rolph, Bond, Dunphy, Tyler, Lowndes, Deehan, McCord, Marshall, O'Connell, Archdeacon. Subs: Parker, Jarvis.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE-DIVISION 2

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Rotherham Utd.	27	13	6	8	37	26	45					
Scunthorpe Utd.	28	12	6	10	39	38	42					
West Brom. Al.	25	11	8	6	51	29	41					
Stoke City	27	11	6	10	42	37	39					
Middlesbrough	27	9	11	7	37	26	38					
Port Vale	27	10	7	10	47	53	37					
Mansfield T.	27	11	4	12	34	46	37					
Barnsley	28	11	3	14	44	45	36					
York City	28	11	2	15	38	47	35					
Blackpool	27	8	8	11	32	46	32					
Preston N.E.	27	9	5	13	24	49	32					
Wigan Ath.	25	8	4	13	31	41	28					
Bolton Wand.	26	7	7	12	37	49	28					
Burnley	25	6	3	16	25	49	21					
Grimsby T.	26	5	4	17	28	51	19					
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JOHN McGRATH ex Preston N.E. Manager John's first club from school was Bolton Wanderers. He revealed "I was playing outside left then and scored four in one game." But it was whilst playing for his local side Miles Platting that Bury stepped in and he made rapid strides to become the Shakers regular pivot. His progress attracted Newcastle United and it took a cash plus Bob Stokoe player deal to take John to St. James Park who were then in the First Division.

After seven years with the Magpies he moved onto Southampton and there's an unusual story surrounding the transfer, John explained "I always played well against Saints and one game when we won 3-0 I was facing Welsh international Ron Davies. I finished up with three stitches and him eight after a clash of heads. Shortly after Joe Harvev told me a club was in for me and straight away I said it was Southampton. With reluctance I signed for Ted Bateson a cigarette packet."

John went on to play at the Dell for seven years part of the time under Lawrie McMenemy. He well remembers his last game. John said, "It was at Coventry in the First Division. The game was on 'Match of the Day' and I got booked, substituted and finished all in one day."

But he moved over to Youth Team coach and his first game in charge was against Fareham Town Reserves, sat on apark bench. John

confessed "That was the day I started smoking."

Hard work involving youth eventually paid off and the players produced brought £3¹/2 million on the transfer market.

John was a member of the backroom staff for Southampton in the 1976 Final against Manchester United and helped plot United's downfall. He said, "It sounds daft but we had more experience than United but one player we feared was Gordon Hill. We plotted to use the diagonal ball on the day because we felt Martin Buchan was a bit of a ball watcher."

During the course of the game, Southampton had their tales up when they came out with the No. 11 substitute board. John said, "Lawrie shouted to 'Doc' "Are you bringing Hill off?" because we couldn't believe our luck. The reply came back "No, all the lot"."

John eventually left Saints after twelve years to become manager at Port Vale, Chester and then Preston up to a couple of months ago when he resigned. He admitted. "Preston are a smashing club. I had three great years there and left with a lot of friends-the biggest being the Chairman. I've left with many assets and only at Xmas turned down a £150,000 transfer for Warren Joyce who is doing a fantastic job. Heft for the Club's benefit, not mine,'

John is still busing doing scouting and the occasional Sportsmans Dinner, but on Easter Sunday links up again with McMenemy when they take a Football League side to the Isle of Man. John has lots of funny football stories and more will be included in the next programme edition.

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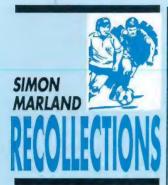


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"The 110th encounter between the clubs"

Photo: Steve Thompson (hidden) hitting last season's winner against North End. The Wanderers entertain Preston North End today for what will be the 110th League encounter between the clubs. Bolton have only faced three clubs on more occasions, those being Aston Villa (126), Blackburn Rovers (116) and Everton (112).

Whilst North End's record at Burnden in recent years is poor, their last success being in April 1974 with goals from John Bird and Mike Elwiss, they have nonetheless managed to rattle home their fair share of goals.

Indeed they have managed to score 81 goals on their League visits to Bolton, only Everton with 85 have scored more, yet surprisingly Preston have only a marginal better goals for record against the Wanderers at Deepdale.

It wasn't until the sixth attempt that the Wanderers recorded their first success against North End, England international Kenny Davenport scoring the only goal of the game in November 1890 and reversing the scores from the encounter played at Deepdale two months earlier.

North End's best run at Burnden was between 1921 and 1948 when in 11 visits they lost only once. That was in October 1924, the Wanderers recording their best victory over North End by 6-1, David Jack and Joe Smith hitting two each with Ted Vizard and Joe Cassidy getting the others. At the end of that season North End were relegated to Division Two whilst the Wanderers equalled their best ever position of third.

Bolton's first League success at Deepdale didn't come until the ninth attempt when goals from Jocky Wright, Albert Gilligan and Billy Thompson gave them a 3-2 win in November 1896.

The Wanderers will today be looking to record their first double over Preston since 1980/81 when both games were won 2-1. At Burnden Mike Carter and Neil Whatmore scored for Bolton, Alex Bruce being on the mark for Preston, whilst at Deepdale Bruce again netted for North End whilst Peter Reid and Alan Gowling scored the Wanderers goals.

Earlier this season the Wanderers ran out 4-1 winners at Deepdale whilst in this corresponding fixture last term Steve Thompson scored the only goal of the game for Bolton.

Our overall record against Preston is as follows:-

PI W D L F A Home 54 22 13 19 87 81 Away 55 15 16 24 69 83 Total 109 37 29 43 156 164







The directors set out their objectives for the new season. To build up a strong enough squad so that every position was duplicated with a competent player and to remodel Burnden Park, so that everyone who had paid could see in comfort and safety. Unfortunately, these ambitions were to be interrupted by the Great War.

The season opened with a friendly, the proceeds of which went towards the war funds. The first two League games of the season were lost, despite scoring three times in each, and on the 7th Septem-

ber 1914 the League Management Committee issued the following statement:- "In view of requests from certain quarters to stop football the Management Committee have taken Counsel with their clubs. The Committee are even more decidedly of the opinion that in the interests of the people of this country football ought to continue."

Goals came in abundance for the Wanderers and by the end of October only 2nd placed Sheffield Wednesday had scored more. Unfortunately Bolton had conceded more goals than any other club which placed

them 15th. Attendances slumped, over 59,000 spectators were lost in the first five games, peoples support now rested in the war effort.

Results continued to be inconsistent. After a 5-0 defeat at Burnley, Tottenham were beaten 4-2 at Burnden Harold Hilton scoring opening goal for Bolton after only 30 seconds in what was only his second League game since the end of 1911. Frank Roberts also scored his first League goal in this game the others coming from a couple of Joe Smith penalties.

On Boxing Day the Wanderers recorded







SEASON 1914/15

their best ever away League victory with a 7-1 thumping of Aston Villa. Strangely both sides had travelled to Birmingham on the same train Villa having won at Blackburn on Christmas Day.

The return with Villa on New Years Day ended in a draw but the Wanderers defeated League leaders Oldham 2-0 the following day to climb into 13th place.

Another League slump saw Bolton in the bottom four by mid March. One win in nine League games, including a 7-0 reverse at Sheffield Wednesday, set the alarm bells ringing.

Bolton
Wanderers

Team Photo

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Jenning, Hesmondhalgh,
Hodkinson, Seddon,
J.Walmsley.
Front Row
Thomas, Glendenning, Stokes,
Donaldson, Jones, Lilycrop,
Smith, Vizard, Buchan.

There was, however. consolation in the FA Cup, Southern Leaguers Millwall were beaten after two replays. Burnley were defeated 2-1 after extra time and a 4-2 win over Hull put the Wanderers into the semi finals Sheffield United were the opponents and it was they who went on to win the trophy after defeating Wanderers 2-1 Ewood

It was a miserable season against the two Sheffield clubs who also took maximum League points.

Enough points were won in the final run in. although not impressively, to keep their place in the First Division although became secondary when, on May 4th, it was announced that football was to be suspended. There were however second thoughts and regional tournaments. with unpaid players, were hastily organised.



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26th December, 1969.

Division Two

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Bolton Wanderers . . 3 (Hurley, Manning, Byrom)



Chester City produced another quality programme when we played there last Saturday. Priced at 70p it contained 32 pages with a number of good in depth articles which included probably the best review of the Wanderers featured by an opposing side this season.

'News on 3' was another interesting and well produced article, while 'View from the Terraces' featured Chester's fanzine and gave some thought provoking views on the subject especially the point of how much of the cover price of these fanzines goes to the Football Club or

its supporters.

'Media Talk' tackled the subject of the club's future especially in the view that the club had sold its Sealand Road ground and were looking to ground share until a new stadium was built in the near future. 'In This Week' was an account of Chester games throughout the years whilst' Facts and Figures' was a good review of the history of the Whites with past meetings between the two sides accounted for.

'From The Press Box', 'Home and Away' and 'Programme Parade' were also praise worthy articles and the overall content of the programme was excellent with the only blemishes on it being slightly top heavy with adverts.

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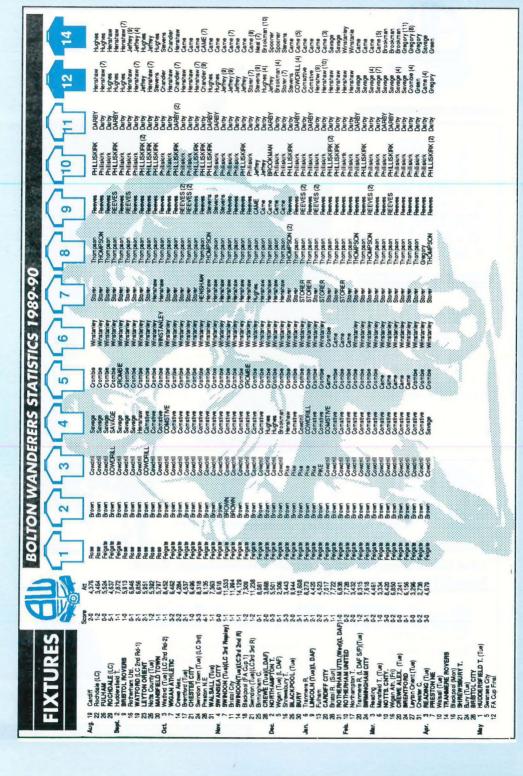
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Bolton	37	16	12	9	51	37	60
Bury	38	16	9	13	53	44	57
Rotherham	38	15	10	13	64	53	55
Crewe	37	13	15	9	44	35	54
Huddersfld	37	15	9	13	46	44	54
Birmham	38	15	9	14	50	50	54
Brentford	38	15	5	18	52	56	50
Shrewsbury	38	12	13	13	47	45	49
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Reading	36	11	15	10	44	43	48
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Swansea	38	11	10	17	35	56	43
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Walsall	36	6	11	19	29	54	29



TODAY'S MASCOT Stephanie Marie Wain

Stephanie is 8 years old and attends Daisy Hill CP School. Her favourite player is Phil Brown—because he is funny.

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BOLTON WANDERERSWhite Shirts/Blue Shorts

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- **4 Robbie SAVAGE**
- **5 Dean CROMBIE**
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

PRESTON NORTH END All Yellow

- 1 Alan KELLY
- 2 NEIL WILLIAMS
- 3 Gary SWANN
- 4 Sammy McILROY
- 5 Mike FLYNN
- 6 Jeff WRIGHTSON
- 7 brian MOONEY
- 8 Graham SHAW
- 9 John THOMAS 10 Warren JOYCE
- 11 Steven HARPER
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